GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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SUGAR MILLS IN PRIVATE SECTOR
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any proposals from private sector companies to set up sugar mills in the sugarcane producing areas;

(b) if so, the number of proposals received till-date;

(c) the benefits likely to accrue to the farmers as a result of the setting up of the sugar mills by private companies;

(d) whether the Government has made any assessment regarding the affect of establishment of sugar mills by private companies on the co-operative sugar mills;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the importance of private sector sugar mills in making India a sugar exporting country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a) & (b): After de-licensing of sugar industry in August, 1998, the entrepreneurs are now required to file Industrial Entrepreneurs Memorandums (IEM) only with the Central Government. The number of IEMs received by the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion for manufacture of sugar from 01.09.1998 to 30.06.2006 is 2576.

(c): The sugarcane farmers are expected to receive the better cane price when a sugar mill is set up in their area whether by a private company or by a cooperative society.

(d) & (e): The Central Government has not carried out any study to assess the affect of establishment of sugar mills by private companies on the cooperative sugar mills.

(f): The private sector mills do play an important role in export of sugar.